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SUMMARY: MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU CHIEF
CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS ROK WILL ESTABLISH 12-MILE TERRI-
TORIAL WATERS IN OCTOBER, PROMISED PRIOR CONSULTATIONS
WITH US AND JAPAN, AND EXPLAINED ROKG HOPE TO MAINTAIN
INTERNATIONAL SEA LANE IN KOREA STRAIT. END SUMMARY

1. SEOUL PRESS AUGUST 9 REPORTED ROK WILL ESTABLISH
12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA SOMETIME IN OCTOBER BY MEANS
OF LEGISLATION TO BE PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS
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SEPTEMBER. EARLIER PRESS HAD SPECULATED (AS INDICATED
REFTEL) ROKG MIGHT ESTABLISH 12-MILE WATERS SOON BY
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE.

2. IN AUGUST 9 CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS, INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU CHIEF CHONG U-YONG CONFIRMED HIS
EARLIER STATEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATION, AND PROMISED PRIOR CONSULATION WITH USG
AND GOJ. CHONG SAID THAT AMONG POINTS REQUIRING CONSULATION WITH
JAPANESE BEFORE SUBMITTING LEGISLATION ARE QUESTIONS
OF BOUNDARY LINES IN KOREA STRAIT AND SURROUNDING CHEJU
ISLAND. CHONG STATED ROKG IS COMMITTED TO PRINCIPLE OF
MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL SEA LANE BETWEEN KOREAN AND
JAPANESE TERRITORIAL WATERS IN 23-MILE-WIDE KOREA STRAIT.
IF JAPANESE DECIDE TO INCREASE THEIR TERRITORIAL SEA
NORTH OF TSUSHIMA FROM PRESENT THREE MILES, THEN ROKG
WOULD HOPE FOR AGREEMENT WITH GOJ THAT EACH NATION WILL
CLAIM LESS THAN FULL 12 MILES IN STRAIT IN ORDER TO
MAINTAIN HIGH SEAS LANE BETWEEN TWO TERRITORIAL SEAS.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF JAPANESE CONTINUE THREE-MILE CLAIM,
KOREA COULD CLAIM FULL 12 MILES WITHOUT ABOLISHING SEA
LANE. CHONG SAID FURTHER ROKG WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH
JAPANESE ON LOCATIONS OF STRAIGHT LINE BOUNDARIES IT
INTENDS TO DRAW SOUTH OF CHEJU ISLAND. HE NOTED IN
THIS REGARD THAT GOJ HAD CONSULTED WITH ROK BEFORE GOING
TO 12-MILES AND HAD NOT APPLIED 12-MILE ZONE TO SEA
AREAS AROUND TSUSHIMA.
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